President.—I said it is a matter of opinion and my ruling should be respected.

Acreage of Reserve Forest.

457. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total acreage of Reserve Forests in the State besides the excluded area and the approximate quantity of fuel that could be usefully removed from the Reserve without detriment to the standing trees;

(b) whether any new area is planted for fuel;

(c) the total area given to planters and the income derived from them per year?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) i. 585 sq. miles or 3,74,400 acres.

ii. About 4 cart loads per acre.

(b) No.

(c) 13,878·10 acres. Rs. 26,752-5-10.

Article in the Mahati Newspaper regarding Anchal service.

458. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether its attention has been drawn to a letter written in the newspaper "മഹതി", dated 22nd Dhanu 1104, page 3 under the heading "കടലാസ്";

(2) if the Government has perused the letter in question, will it be pleased to state whether the grievances mentioned therein are real, and if so, what action has been taken by the Government to remove such grievances;

(3) if the Government has not seen the letter in question, will the Government be good enough to state whether they will peruse the said letter and take such action as they think necessary in the matter without unnecessary delay?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Government cannot say that the grievances are real. Representations have, however, been received of delayed deliveries and Government are considering the question of appointing an additional Anchalman for the Southern-Chittur Anchal Office.

(3) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (2) above.

Use of a tank in Olarikkara by Christians.

459. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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